THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) (d) and (e) While unclassified NASA reports in some of the areas are available in India, there is no arrangement existing at present for access to NASA Data Base in its Machine-Readable form, Negotiations with NASA on this issue are continuing.

(b) and (c) Government is not aware.

Setting up of a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh

653. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh with the aid of International Malaria Research Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Govt of India to set up a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh with the aid of International Malaria Research Centre.

(b) The question does not arise.

Monitoring of Ads cases in Tamil Nadu

654. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monitoring system established by the Central Government to detect AIDS cases in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that no modern AIDS detection equipment has been given to Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps being taken to set up AIDS detection centres and other preventive measures in that state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Three Surveillance centres including one referral centre have been established in Tamil Nadu by the ICMR in consultation with the State Govt. to undertake screening of persons belonging to high risk groups, blood donors and foreigners for the presence of HIV antibodies.

The test kits are regularly being supplied by the ICMR to these centres. In addition Govt. of India has released a sum of Rs. 15.38 lakhs for organising screening of blood donors and establishment of AIDS Unit, for clinical management of AIDS patients at Madras Medical College, Madras. The equipment required for the AIDS Unit to conduct the above activities are :—

(i) Respirators
(ii) Monitoring Units
(iii) Ultrasound Nebulizers
(iv) Complete set of endoscopes with light source
(v) Bronchoscope with light source
(vi) Small autoclaves.

Supply of Dry Ration to Card holders of Army Staff

655. SHRI JERLIEE TARIANG: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1455 given in the Rajya on the 22nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the supply of dry and fresh ration, viz., vegetables, eggs, meat etc. to the ration card holders of army staff by Army ration shop (DID) Safdarjang Road New Delhi on cash